



Practitioner's Docket: DEE6270P0160US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Sprinkle, et al.)
Serial No.: 10/041,833) Group Art Unit: 3618
Filed: October 19, 2001) Examiner: Bryan R Fischmann
For: Tower and Boom Structure)
For Loader Bucket)

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of December 20, 2002,
wherein the Examiner rejected claims 1-20, all claims in the application.

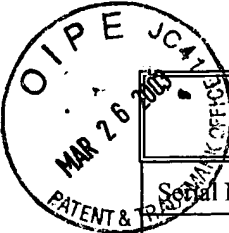
In The Drawings

Please amend Figures 2, 3, 4, and 5 per the attached red-marked sheets.

In The Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22 to read as follows:

A loader bucket 52 is provided on a front of the tractor 20. The loader bucket 52 is supported on a boom comprising two symmetrical boom arms 58, 60. Substantially vertical towers 68, 70 have base ends 68a, 70a that are curved inwardly to be fixed to the chassis 24, as shown in Figures 5 and 6. The boom arms 58, 60 have base ends



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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL LETTER		Docket No.: DEE6270P0160US	
Serial No.: 10/041,833		Filing Date: 10/19/2001	
Group Art Unit: 3618		Examiner: Bryan R. Fischmann	
Applicant(s): Sprinkle, et al.			
Invention: Tower and Boom Structure for Loader Bucket			

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Amendment A for the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- Petition for a _____ - month extension of time and the separate fee therefor is enclosed.
- No additional claim filing fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
			RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL 20	MINUS - 20	= 0	x \$ 9.00 =	\$	x \$ 18.00 =	\$
INDEPENDENT 11	MINUS - 3	= 8	x \$42.00 =	\$	x \$ 84.00 =	\$672.00
First presentation of multiple dependent claim			+ \$140.00 =	\$	+ \$280.00 =	\$
Total Fee				\$		\$672.00

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1606 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the claim filing fee.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$672.00 to cover the claim filing fee is enclosed.
- **Conditional Petition For Extension of Time:** An extension of time, if necessary, is requested to provide for timely filing of this communication.
- A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Other: Version With Markings To Show Changes Made and Self-Addressed Stamped Postcard.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1606.

Date: March 20, 2003

By

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all referenced documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 20, 2003.

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Randall T. Erickson